ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Town of Belmont

New Hampshire

For the Year Ending

January 31, 1924

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Other Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Belmont

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator.

JOHN M. SARGENT.

Selectmen.

CLARENCE B. DEARBORN.
CARLETON A. LAMPREY.
FRED H. PIPER.

Town Clerk.

GUY L. HAMMEL.

Town Treasurer.

DANIEL W. GALE.

Tax Collector.

MRS. ETTA B. DEARBORN.

Health Officer.

N. E. SANBORN.

Police Officer.

N. E. SANBORN.

Librarian.

MRS. W. E. PHILLIPS.

School Board.

JAMES C. HILL.
CARLETON A. LAMPREY.
MRS. EVA L. SWAIN.

Trustees of Public Library.

JAMES H. WEEKS.
DANIEL W. GALE.
JOHN M. SARGENT.

Trustees of Trust Funds.

CARLETON A. LAMPREY.
JOHN W. SWEATT.
DANIEL W. GALE.

Auditor.

ALBERT A. SMITH.

Supervisors.

J. W. SWEATT.
F. FRIEND.
ADA B. HUDSON.

Representative to General Court.

ALBERT A. SMITH.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.]

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont, in the County of Belknap, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Hall's Hall, in said Belmont, on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray all expenditures as listed in Budget and make appropriations for the same.

3. To choose one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Trustee of Public Library for three years.

4. For the election of delegates at large, alternate delegates at large, delegates and alternate delegates to the National Convention of the Republican and Democratic parties to be held to nominate party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

5. To see what the Town will vote to do with its Parsonage Fund.

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Old Home Week.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to distribute inventory blanks at the time they examine the property to be taxed.

8. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid on or before July 1st, 1924, and if so, how much.

9. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to reduce its debt; if so, how much.

10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to increase its water supply.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Laconia Hospital Association.

12. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road leading from Gilmanton road back of reservoir to the Hollow Route road.

13. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a town forest and make recommendations at the regular Town Meeting in March, 1925.

14. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation, for a term of years, the K. of P. building.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

CLARENCE B. DEARBORN,
FRED H. PIPER,
Selectmen of Belmont.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLARENCE B. DEARBORN,
FRED H. PIPER,
Selectmen of Belmont.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1923 and 1924.

Real estate	$766,365.00
Horses, 260	27,680.00
Oxen, 12	1,000.00
Cows, 543	27,260.00
Other neat stock, 111	3,620.00
Sheep, 56	372.00
Hogs, 8	200.00
Fowls, 195	230.00
Vehicles, 4	300.00
Portable mills, 4	1,725.00
Wood and lumber	15,800.00
Money on hand	4,225.00
Stock in trade	92,275.00
Mills and machinery	56,850.00
	$997,902.00

Polls, last war, 24 at $3.00.
Polls, 561 at $5.00.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1923 AND 1924.

Town charges	$2,000.00
Highways and bridges	4,500.00
Public library	300.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Street lights	1,000.00
State highways	2,820.50

Mosquito Bridge, principal and interest....	$1,500.00
Hospital aid	150.00
Band concerts	300.00
Bonded indebtedness	300.00
White Pine Blister Rust.....	400.00
	$13,370.50

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION, 1923 AND 1924.

High school		$1,500.00
Elementary schools		6,025.88
High school tuition.....		2,300.00
District Officers' salaries.....		200.00
$2.00 per capita tax for supervision.....		512.00
Deficit of 1922.....		400.00
		$10,937.88
State Tax	$2,070.00	
County Tax	1,657.80	
		3,727.80
		$28,036.18
Last war, 561 polls, at $2.00.....		1,122.00
Margin		662.17
		$29,820.35
Total valuation, $997,902, at $2.70 rate....		$26,943.35
Amount of poll taxes.....		2,877.00
		$29,820.35

BALANCE

ASSETS.

Cash		$2,921.05
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
(a) Bounties		18.60
Due from County:		
(a) County poor		348.40
Taxes not collected:		
(a) Levy of 1922	$36.77	
(b) Levy of 1923	2,492.37	
		2,529.14
Total Assets		$5,817.19
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		21,191.88
Grand Total		$27,009.07
Net Debt, January 31, 1923		$22,510.39
Net Debt, January 31, 1924		21,191.88
Decrease of debt		$1,318.51

SHEET.

Liabilities.

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding—Sidewalk appropriation		$500.00
Due to School Districts:		
(a) Dog licenses		291.36
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:		
State aid maintenance	$81.10	
State aid construction	632.24	
State aid trunk line maintenance	172.46	
		885.80
Long Term Notes Outstanding		25,331.91
Total Liabilities		$27,009.07
Grand Total		$27,009.07

RECEIPTS.

From Local Taxes:

Current Revenue:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1923		$26,943.35
Less discounts and abatements, 1923		478.86
Less uncollected, 1923		2,492.37
1. Property taxes, current year, actually collected	$25,169.44	
2. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 24 at $3	72.00	
3. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 452 at $5	2,260.00	
4. Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	1,486.11	
Total of above collections		$28,987.55

CLASSIFICATION.

PAYMENTS.

PAYMENTS.

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

1.	Town officers' salaries..	$1,015.00	
2.	Town officers' expenses.	317.26	
3.	Election and registration expenses	64.00	
5.	Expenses Town Hall and other town buildings	52.50	
			$1,448.76

Protection of Persons and Property:

6.	Police department, including care of tramps	$319.55	
7.	Fire department, including forest fires..	674.75	
8.	Moth extermination ...	400.00	
9.	Bounties	8.60	
10.	Damage by dogs.....	14.00	
			1,416.90

Health:

11.	Health department, including hospitals ...	$225.15	
12.	Vital statistics	6.95	
			232.10

RECEIPTS AND

From State:			
6.	For highways:		
	(a) For State Aid maintenance	$136.33	
	(b) For State Aid construction	753.89	
	(c) For Trunk Line maintenance	100.00	
			$990.22
7.	Insurance tax	$17.25	
8.	Railroad tax	348.47	
9.	Savings bank tax.....	1,695.66	
12.	Fighting forest fires...	30.18	
			2,091.56
From Local Sources—Except Taxes:			
16.	Dog licenses	$291.36	
21.	Interest received on deposits	5.95	
22.	Income from trust funds —Parsonage Fund...	9.08	
24.	Donation to roads.....	23.66	
25.	Appropriations to general municipal funds from municipal owned utilities—water works	1,029.50	
26.	Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	1,542.97	
			2,902.52

PAYMENTS—*Continued.*

Highways and Bridges:

14.	State Aid maintenance	$1,416.47	
15.	Trunk Line maintenance	595.00	
16.	Town maintenance.....	4,918.89	
17.	Street lighting and sprinkling	1,000.00	
18.	General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs	828.02	
			$8,758.38

Libraries:

19.	Libraries		300.00

Charities:

20.	Town poor	$396.50	
21.	County poor	348.40	
			744.90

Patriotic Purposes:

23.	Aid to soldiers and their families..		100.00

Recreation:

24.	Park and playgrounds, including band concerts		300.00

Public Service Enterprises:

25.	Appropriation to water and electric utilities.	$2,595.41	
26.	Parsonage Fund	9.08	
27.	Abatements	264.71	
			2,869.20

Interest:

33.	Paid on long term notes.....		657.80

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
34. From fire	$15.65	
35. Trust funds	351.32	
		$366.97
Total Receipts from All Sources.....		$35,338.82
Cash on hand February 1, 1923.....		2,256.34
Grand Total		$37,595.16

PAYMENTS—*Concluded.*

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
36. Highways and bridges—State Aid construction		$1,591.65
42. Automobile permits ...	$56.25	
43. Discount on taxes at 2%	214.15	
		270.40
Indebtedness:		
45. Payments on long term notes.....		121.32
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
50. Taxes paid to State...	$3,046.00	
51. Taxes paid to County..	1,657.80	
53. Payments to School Districts	11,158.90	
		15,862.70
Total Payments for All Purposes.....		$34,674.11
Cash on hand January 31, 1924.....		2,921.05
Grand Total		$37,595.16

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Description and Value.

Library, building	$500.00
Furniture and equipment	1,100.00
Police Department, building	100.00
Fire Department, building	500.00
Equipment	600.00
Highway Department, building	350.00
Equipment	1,500.00
Materials and supplies, bridge plank	150.00
Water Supply	15,000.00
Equipment, water pipe	150.00
	$19,950.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

Town Officers' Salaries.

C. B. Dearborn, Selectman	$175.00
C. A. Lamprey, Selectman	175.00
F. H. Piper, Selectman	175.00
J. M. Sargent, Moderator	10.00
D. W. Gale, Treasurer	125.00
Etta B. Dearborn, Collector	300.00
Guy Hammel, Clerk	50.00
A. A. Smith, Auditor	5.00
	$1,015.00

Town Officers' Expenses.

Eva Swain, dinners, election	$2.45
Edson C. Eastman, stationery and tax books	23.20
Etta B. Dearborn, Tax Commission meeting	4.90
J. B. Clarke Co., printing Town Reports	168.60
Central N. H. Telephone Co., telephone	1.70
E. L. Lydiard, transfers	6.40
Guy L. Hammel, Town Officers' bonds	14.00
Etta B. Dearborn, tax bills, etc.	7.55
W. P. Farmer, Dues, N. H. Assessors' Asso.	2.00
D. W. Gale, postage and stationery	12.00
Central N. E. Telephone Co.	1.00
Etta B. Dearborn, expenses N. H. Assessors' meeting	20.31
Etta B. Dearborn, postage	8.65
Virginia Barrett, copying tax book and inventory	15.00
C. B. Dearborn, Selectman, expense to Tax Commission and postage	23.00
C. B. Dearborn, wood, Selectmen's office	6.50
	$317.26

Election and Registration.

Homer Crockett, Ballot Inspector	$24.00
Guy L. Hammel, postage on amendments	4.00
J. W. Sweatt, Supervisor's services	36.00
	$64.00

Town Buildings.

Belmont Hosiery Co., lobby rent	$15.00
Guy L. Hammel, insurance, library building	12.50
Lettie M. Hall, rent of hall	25.00
	$52.50

Police Department.

N. E. Sanborn, policeman previous year....	$150.00
N. E. Sanborn, cash paid, handcuffs.....	9.50
Malcolm Co., Police Leader.....	5.05
Joseph E. Hammel, special police.....	5.00
N. E. Sanborn, police for the year.....	150.00
	$319.55

Fire Department.

L. M. Hall, 100 paper cans.....	$3.00
N. E. Sanborn, forest fire, E. O. Gilman....	28.05
State Forestry Department, shovels and pails	30.12
N. E. Sanborn:	
Forest fire, Cotton Hill.....	47.90
Forest fire, Gardner's Grove.....	81.05
Forest fire, Gardner's Grove.....	129.80
Forest fire, Durrell Mountain and Gardner's Grove	31.20
A. W. Spring, fire Province Road.....	52.70
N. E. Sanborn, forest fire, Mrs. Hall's.....	30.80
T. J. White, fire Barre.....	12.00
E. Bouchard, payroll, firemen.....	221.80
A. A. Smith, soda.....	6.33
	$674.75

White Pine Blister Rust.

J. H. Foster, appropriation in full.....	$400.00

Bounties.

C. B. Dearborn, hedgehogs.....	$8.60

Damage by Dogs.

H. O. Kimball, 1 lamb killed	$7.00
F. H. Piper, 1 lamb killed	7.00
	$14.00

Health Department.

N. E. Sanborn, Health Department	$5.00
Guy L. Hammel, hospital aid, appropriation in full	150.00
S. T. Oliver, Health Department	6.90
N. W. MacMurphy, Health Department	15.00
N. E. Sanborn, Health Department	48.25
	$225.15

Vital Statistics.

E. H. Huckins, M. D., 3 births	$0.75
Guy L. Hammel, completing records	6.20
	$6.95

Parsonage Fund.

D. W. Gale, Treasurer, interest from bank	$9.08

Distributed as follows:

Province Road Baptist Church, C. A. Lamprey	$1.59
Catholic Church, Joseph Hammel	2.00
Advent Church, H. C. Adams	2.00
Baptist Church, Village, F. A. Badger	3.49
	$9.08

Street Lighting.

R. N. Burnier	$1,000.00

Schools.

D. W. Gale, Treasurer:	
Appropriation in full, 1923	$10,937.88
Dog tax, 1922	221.02
	$11,158.90

Band Concerts.

Guy L. Hammel	$300.00

Water Works.

Laconia Gas and Electric Co., electricity	$819.19
Adams and Clark, coal, pumping station	9.28
W. P. Lamprey, cement	13.50
C. O. Judkins, labor	177.35
C. B. Dearborn, sand, cement, express paid	21.79
A. Clark, wood	28.10
C. B. Dearborn, freight and express	9.08
Worthing Pump Co., supplies	2.51
Cooks Lumber Co., lumber	15.66
J. R. Dearborn, cement and shingles	18.45
C. B. Dearborn, carting	3.12
Page Belting Co., belts and pulleys	98.51
Red Head Mfg. Co., stop and wastes	4.30
B. & M. R. R., freight on pipe	12.53
F. H. Judkins, laying pipe	214.80
Belmont Hosiery Co., pipe fittings	3.20
Electro Bleaching Co., cylinder and chlorine	30.00
Braman Dow and Co., water pipe	380.41

State Laboratory, pumping station	$2.00
H. E. Mudgett, labor	13.80
Red Head Mfg. Co., supplies	13.16
C. O. Judkins, labor	214.50
B. & M. R. R., freight, transformer	16.95
Wagner Elec. Co., freight	11.64
J. W. Sweatt, labor	26.00
H. E. Mudgett, labor	3.00
R. A. Foss, printing water bills	9.00
George A. Caldwell, curb shut-off	9.75
Tilton Electric Co., power	58.00
Adams and Clark, coal	10.73
Belmont Lumber Co., lumber	36.77
C. O. Judkins, labor	81.50
Tilton Electric Co., supplies	9.20
M. C. Allen, labor and supplies	141.91
C. B. Dearborn, wood	12.00
A. A. Smith:	
Hardware	51.72
Land rent, 1923	12.00
	$2,595.41

Abatements Refunded.

Y. Garland, on taxes	$4.05
H. W. Hancock, error in taxes	94.50
Etta B. Dearborn:	
Abatements taxes 1923	84.00
Abatements taxes 1922	38.12
Abatements taxes 1921	31.08
Wilber Greenleaf, abatements, taxes	2.16
C. H. Lyman, abatements	10.80
	$264.71

Interest Paid.

W. H. Shepard, on note No. 20	$20.00
Ella Shepard, on note No. 21	20.00
F. A. Badger, church notes, Nos. 1 and 2	96.00
J. M. Sargent, on note No. 30	52.00
Iona Savings Bank, note No. 27	225.00
J. C. Hill, on note No. 22	204.80
H. C. Adams, on note No. 8	40.00
	$657.80

Automobile Permits.

Guy L. Hammel, 225 permits at $0.25	$56.25

Discount on Taxes.

Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes 1923	$214.15

Indebtedness Payments.

W. L. Sanborn, note No. 4	$121.32

State and County Precincts.

A. W. Dinsmoor, County tax	$1,657.80
George E. Farrand:	
State tax	2,070.00
481 Polls, 1923 tax, at $2.00	962.00
7 Polls, 1922 tax, at $2.00	14.00
	$4,703.80

General Expenses on Highways and Bridges.

H. W. Hancock, plank	$51.36
Dyar Machine Co., road machine blades	18.00
A. T. Quimby, dynamite	11.90
Belmont Lumber Co., plank	41.96
N. E. Road Machine Co., road plow	45.00
Boulia Gorrell Co., plank	14.40
E. L. Horne, water tub	3.00
C. B. Dearborn, freight paid	1.40
Laconia Lumber Co., plank	6.48
Belmont Lumber Co., lumber	183.46
H. W. Hancock, plank	154.17
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	155.04
C. H. Willey, tending lantern, Depot St.	10.50
J. Brobichaud, tending lantern, Main St.	10.25
O. E. Sawyer, water tub, 1922 and 1923	6.00
N. E. Lamprey, water tub, Marsh Hill	5.00
Belmont Lumber Co., lumber	20.33
L. M. Hall, water tub, 1923	3.00
A. A. Smith, hardware	57.77
H. W. Hancock, posts	29.00
	$828.02

Public Library.

D. W. Gale, Treasurer	$300.00

Town Poor.

A. M. Clifford, aid	$188.00
Belknap County Farm:	
Board D. Chapman	91.00
Board D. Chapman	71.50
L. H. Wilkinson, funeral D. Chapman	40.00
F. C. Watson, grave D. Chapman	6.00
	$396.50

County Poor.

W. A. Hyam, aid	$260.00
F. C. Hall & Co., aid O. Maxam	88.40
	$348.40

Memorial Day.

Walter C. Harris	$100.00

State Aid Maintenance.

Money Available.	State.	Town.	Total.
Balance, 1922	$38.86	$347.57	$386.43
Appropriation, 1923	1,150.00	1,150.00	2,300.00
Total fund	$1,188.86	$1,497.57	$2,686.43
Expended	1,154.31	1,416.47	2,570.78
Balance for 1924	$34.55	$81.10	$115.65

State Aid Construction.

Money Available.	State.	Town.	Total.
Balance, 1922	0	0	0
Appropriation, 1923	$1,470.00	$1,470.00	$2,940.00
Total fund	$1,470.00	$1,470.00	$2,940.00
Expended	837.76	837.76	1,675.52
Balance for 1924	$632.24	$632.24	$1,264.48

Trunk Line Maintenance.

Money Available.	State.	Town.	Total.
Balance	$318.81	$331.16	$649.94
Appropriation	400.00	200.00	600.00
Total fund	$718.81	$531.13	$1,249.94
Expended	373.89	358.67	732.56
Balance, 1924 ...	$344.92	$172.46	$517.38

HIGHWAYS.

A. A. Drake, Agent.

A. A. Drake	$78.54
E. T. Sayward	8.00
O. W. Foster	4.83
J. C. Hill	12.76
H. Merrill	13.00
W. Laroy	1.33
R. A. Currier	2.34
Fred Weymouth	21.00
W. J. Barrett	9.00
F. Currier, Jr.	7.00
W. Seavey	3.00
A. Twombly	21.00
A. A. Drake, snow roller	65.00
	$246.80

H. O. Kimball, Agent.

H. O. Kimball	$51.94
W. Duso	7.00
R. Wescott	.50
L. Heath	19.06
W. Sanborn	20.80
V. Smith	15.68

F. Piper	$7.50
W. Bach	10.31
F. Bach	21.29
C. E. Small	3.50
F. Marden	.96
W. E. Couterier	2.93
Carl Sanborn	1.25
H. Taylor	7.24
F. Blanchard	.56
	$170.52

J. H. Cotton, Agent.

J. H. Cotton	$35.95
N. W. Harrington	24.20
C. Q. Gordon	16.07
J. D. Fletcher	8.66
F. H. Turber	6.08
J. Stocker	16.05
	$107.01

Austin G. Lamprey, Agent.

A. G. Lamprey	$116.18
F. Dionne	1.70
L. Larivee	2.38
L. Lacesse	18.90
E. Lacasse	4.36
A. Dutile	58.46
E. Paradise	45.02
A. Paire	44.85
R. Gayner	13.67
F. W. Friend	5.00
C. M. Beane	3.50
A. Gilbert	3.50
A. G. Lamprey, snow roller	30.80
	$348.32

W. H. Kilborn, Agent.

W. H. Kilborn	$17.00
T. Grant	.65
N. E. Cram	1.25
S. L. Cram	.65
H. Merrill	.75
R. Sawyer	1.65
A. Merrill	6.00
W. H. Kilborn	70.00
	$97.95

Scott Kimball, Agent.

Scott Kimball	$8.50

D. D. Maxfield, Agent.

D. D. Maxfield	$62.00
E. L. Couch	19.50
A. Clark	5.00
G. Dickey	14.25
W. C. Dearborn	2.50
	$103.25

Marshall A. Berry, Agent.

M. A. Berry	$57.70
H. N. Cleveland	23.70
E. Smith	30.00
L. Martel	39.45
H. O. Shattuck	9.00
H. Fitzpatric	9.00
M. Jordan	3.75
E. E. Hall	21.15
G. Babb	6.50
A. J. Simonds	6.50

R. Rickert	$1.75
R. Kimball	6·75
S. Kimball	24.75
A. Merrill	6.50
C. Wood	19.25
	$265.75

C. A. Lamprey, Agent.

C. A. Lamprey	$132·00
R. Metz	4.10
S. A. Lamprey	12.60
W. Rowe	23.00
R. Rowe	6.25
S. Drake	1.68
G. Marden	10·12
W. E. Chapman	1.34
A. J. Beaule	13.50
L. A. Lamprey	20.00
J. Morin	30.00
C. A. Lamprey, snow roll	114·00
	$368.59

Charles E. Small, Agent.

C. E. Small	$122.31
R. A. Grimston	29.36
L. Lacasse	146.34
C. O. Grinston	3.90
H. Gilbert	33.96
A. Gilbert	107.62
W. Hamilton	35.68
C. M. Bean	91.74
George Mudgett	1.68
A. Gilbert	83.40

E. Lacasse	$9.00
F. W. Friend	23.40
J. O. Bryant	10.50
J. Avery	2.30
	$701.19

E. W. Blaisdell, Agent.

E. W. Blaisdell	79.83
Cora Harper	3.00
E. N. Blaisdell	12.55
A. Merrill	11.48
H. O. Shattuck	12.95
M. Jordon	5.25
W. H. Kilborn	29.00
A. W. Merrill	3.80
J. White	4.50
F. Smith	1.25
H. Merrill	2.68
J. W. Tilton	1.50
O. Hudson	3.00
E. W. Blaisdell, road machine	144.00
	$314.79

Fred W. Friend, Agent.

F. W. Friend	$78.72
Tom Willard	17.00
	$95.72

R. H. Hoadley, Agent.

R. H. Hoadley	$362.95
C. Foster	28.50
E. Webber	28.50
C. Huntoon	6.57
W. E. Chapman	14.08
H. W. Rogers	9.31
E. Clairmont	11.35
E. O. Gilman	2.50
A. Fletcher	72.50
A. Pucci	4.32
E. Halch Ben	.60
F. Clairmont	3.50
P. Vashon	28.50
	$573.18

F. H. Judkins, Agent.

F. H. Judkins	$262.54
O. Terrel	12.00
A. Bolduc	8.52
W. C. Bryant	1.33
C. B. Dearborn	313.00
Charles Willey	177.86
F. Blanchard	10.00
Leon Clairmont	89.84
A. Smeltzer	6.55
W. Bock	4.00
L. Gilbert	1.00
S. Higgins	1.67
F. Baker	8.88
L. Rogers	1.94
Fred Weymouth	7.00
John Sweatt	5.70
H. Mudgett	5.70
Wendel Dearborn	3.00

Lasard	$9.00
Leon Parrent	15.00
Levi Clairmont	31.00
M. Judkins	8.50
C. E. Warring	1.00
F. A. Badger	4.11
C. H. Richards	18.30
F. Brake	1.00
J. A. Rogers	4.00
J. O. Bryant	2.67
J. Brake	2.67
C. Ring	5.00
A. Twombly	8.61
S. Weeks	1.11
J. Duchaneau	1.11
C. Trussell	.70
F. H. Judkins, road machine	383.01
F. H. Judkins, snow roller	121.00
	$1,538.32

RECORD OF INDEBTEDNESS.

First Baptist Church, No. 1	$500.00
First Baptist Church, No. 2	1,900.00
Walter Sanborn, No. 3	337.45
Fred H. Piper, No. 5	759.17
Etter H. Gilman, No. 6	803.31
John O. Bryant, No. 7	719.69
H. C. Adams, No. 8	1,000.00
Trustees Trust Funds, No. 10	2,872.12
Trustees Trust Funds, No. 11	918.44
Etta H. Gilman, No. 12	345.32
Trustees Trust Funds, No. 13	103.50
Carl S. Sanborn No. 14	224.97
Trustees Trust Funds, No. 15	103.50
Etta H. Gilman No. 16	1,116.23

Trustees Trust Funds, No. 18	$310.50
H. O. Kimball, No. 19	479.33
W. H. Sheppard, No. 20	500.00
Ella M. Sheppard, No. 21	500.00
James C. Hill, No. 22	2,000.00
Trustee Trust Funds, No. 23	51.75
Trustees Trust Funds, No. 24	207.00
C. E. Small, No. 25	135.63
M. Jennie Small, No. 26	136.85
Iona Savings Bank, No. 27	5,000.00
S. W. Knowles No. 28	822.48
J. M. Sargent, No. 30	1,300.00
Trustee Trust Funds, No. 32	103.50
S. W. Knowles, No. 33	843.08
M. Jenne Small, No. 34	834.77
Trustees Trust Funds, No. 35	51.50
Trustees Trust Funds, No. 36	50.50
Trustees Trust Funds, No. 37	301.32
	$25,331.91

TREASURER'S REPORT

1923.			
Feb.	1.	Cash brought forward	$2,256.23
		Received from:	
Mar.	5.	Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, Feb. 1923	13.09
	30.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1921	35.10
		Etta B. Dearborn, interest on taxes, 1921	3.96
		Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1922	487.86
		Etta B. Dearborn, taxes added, 1922 ..	7.17
		Etta B. Dearborn, interest on taxes, 1922	7.85
Apr.	2.	Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, March 1923	52.14
	27.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1922	267.00
May	25.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1922.....	446.89
		Etta B. Dearborn, interest on taxes, 1922	15.10
June	11.	Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, Apr. and May, 1923	432.39
	29.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	655.00
		Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, June, 1923	190.80
July	2.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	5,547.00
	12.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	3,156.00
	14.	State N. H., Trunk Line Maintenance	100.00
	21.	State N. H., forest fire bills	30.18
	23.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	1,825.00
	27.	N. E. Sanborn, refund Cotton Hill fire	15.65
Aug.	2.	Citizens National Bank, interest, July, 1923	4.18
	22.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	557.00

Sept.	11.	Electro Bleaching Co., 2 cylinders by C. O. Judkins	$19.00
	12.	Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, July and Aug., 1923	141.98
	20.	Mrs. Josephine Hall, for care of 3 graves in the Richard Sanborn burial lot in the Jamestown cemetery near the river, and on road leading to Lochmere, N. H.	50.00
Oct.	1.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	1,700.00
	3.	Citizens National Bank, interest, Sept. 1923	.41
	26.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	715.00
Nov.	5.	Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, Sept. and Oct., 1923	95.00
	27.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	2,502.56
	30.	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	1,600.00
		Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	1,865.00
		Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, Nov. 1923	22.00
Dec.	16.	State N. H., insurance tax, 1923	17.25
		State N. H., railroad tax, 1923	348.47
		State N. H., Savings Bank tax, 1923 .	1,695.66
		Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	4,200.00
1924:			
Jan.	9.	J. B. Rowe, donated for good side walks	1.00
	17.	State N. H., Trunk Line Construction	753.89
		State N. H., Trunk Line Maintenance	136.33
	25.	W. S. Sanborn, cash and not transferred from Highland Cemetery Association to Trustees of Trust Funds, as follows:	
		John A. Ladd, lot	60.00
		Thomas Clark lot	60.00
		Mason and Clark lot	60.00
		W. H. Kilborn lot	121.32

Jan. 28.	Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, Dec. 1923	$66.19
29.	Town Northfield, N. H., labor on their highway	22.66
31.	Guy L. Hammel, auto permits, Jan. 1924	529.38
	Guy L. Hammel, dog tax, 1923	291.36
	C. O. Judkins, on water rents, June 1, 1923 to June 1, 1924	605.25
	Citizens National Bank, interest Jan. 1923	1.36
	Etta B. Dearborn, balance taxes, 1921	36.08
	Etta B. Dearborn, interest on taxes, 1921	.36
	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1922	166.97
	Etta B. Dearborn, interest on taxes, 1922	11.77
	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	2,718.42
	Etta B. Dearborn, taxes added, 1923	141.51
	Etta B. Dearborn, interest on taxes, 1923	$29.28
	C. O. Judkins, balance water rents, June 1, 1922 to June 1, 1923	39.00
	C. O. Judkins, on water rents, June 1, 1923 to June 1, 1924	366.25
	Laconia Savings Bank, interest on parsonage fund	9.08
	Etta B. Dearborn, on taxes, 1923	287.00
	Etta B. Dearborn, interest on taxes, 1923	2.67
		$37,595.16

D. W. GALE,
Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Total number automobile permits issued		225	
Number of pleasure cars	204		
Number of trucks	16		
Number of motor cycles	5		
		225	
Total amount received for permits issued.....			$1,542.97

Mar.	5.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	$13.09
Apr.	2.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	52.14
June	11.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	432.39
July	2.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	190.80
Sept.	12.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	141.98
Nov.	5.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	95.00
Dec.	1.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	22.00
Jan.	28.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	66.19
Jan.	31.	Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer.....	529.38
			$1,542.97

Total number of dogs licensed.....		129	
Total number of male dogs.....	104		
Total number of females.....	25		
Total amount collected.....			$325.00

Paid for auto hire	$5.00
Paid for postage and stationery.....	3.84
129 fees @ $0.20	25.80
Paid D. W. Gale, treasurer	290.36
	$325.00

GUY L. HAMMEL,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dr.

1923.			
Feb.	1.	Balance brought forward from last year	$170.73
July	27.	Town appropriation in full, 1923	300.00
Sept.	11.	John S. Lawrence, of Boston, 15 magazines and Laconia *Democrat*	34.87
			$505.60

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1923.			
Feb.	22.	Electric lights, Jan., 1923	$1.20
Mar.	12.	W. R. Morrison, cards and books	8.57
Apr.	3.	S. T. Oliver, 18 new books	17.55
	5.	Electric lights, Feb., 1923	.75
	16.	R. H. Hinkley Co., set Books of Knowledge	58.05
	30.	Electric lights, March, 1923	.75
May	2.	Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Librarian, 6 mos.	50.00
June	29.	Electric lights, April, 1923	.75
	29.	Electric lights, May, 1923	.75
July	10.	Electric lights, June, 1923	.75
	13.	Addie Chase, cleaning	1.75
Sept.	11.	S. T. Oliver, 15 magazines and Laconia *Democrat*	34.87
Oct.	4.	Electric lights, July and Aug., 1923	6.30
	12.	W. C. Bryant, labor on wood and repairs on stove pipe	5.85
	12.	Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Librarian, 3 mos.	25.00
	24.	A. Clark, 1 cord dry wood	13.00
	26.	Electric lights, Sept., 1923	.75
Nov.	10.	Electric lights, Oct., 1923	.75

Dec.	6.	S. T. Oliver, 43 new books	$27.90
	6.	Electric lights, Nov., 1923.....	1.35
	29.	Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Librarian, 3 mos.	25.00
	29.	S. T. Oliver, 24 new books.....	12.60
1924.			
Jan.	19.	W. C. Bryant, bbl. blockings	.50
	25.	Electric lights, Dec., 1923.....	.75
	31.	Guy L. Hammel, insurance on books, Feb. 20, 1924, to Feb. 20, 1925, ($800)	13.60
	31.	S. T. Oliver, 12 new books, $21.15 less 10%	22.63
	31.	Cash to balance.....	173.88
			$505.60

JOHN M. SARGENT,
JAMES H. WEEKS,
D. W. GALE,

Trustees.

D. W. GALE,

Treasurer.

WATER RENTS.

June 1, 1923, to June 1, 1924.

J. B. Rowe paid	$6.00
J. Mitchell paid	9.00
C. E. Willey paid	6.00
H. Higgins paid	6.00
Miss Giddis paid	6.00
E. Boucher paid	6.00
Wm. Kimball paid	4.85
Mrs. J. Hall paid	13.50
Mrs. W. Bryant paid	7.50
C. Robicaud paid	4.50
B. Laflam paid	3.50
J. Boutan paid	7.50
E. Hunt paid	6.00
W. E. Phillips paid	10.50
A. Bickford paid	6.00
Mary Johnson paid	7.50
E. G. Marden paid	6.00
Iva Weeks paid	7.50
W. Chaplain paid	6.65
A. Thompson paid	6.00
H. C. Adams paid	9.00
Glen Riley paid	6.00
Elmer Davis paid	3.00
E. C. Bean paid	6.00
J. Hamel paid	13.00
A. M. Fifield paid	16.50
Mrs. J. B. Mathews paid	3.00
S. W. Knowles paid	7.50
Highland Cemetery paid	1.50
B. & M. R. R., paid	9.00
K. O. P. hall, paid	4.00
J. Fitzpatrick paid	12.00
Mrs. Collins paid	6.00
Ruby Lyford paid	21.00
G. R. Wilder paid	6.00

A. T. Bean paid	$6.00
G. P. Dearborn paid	6.00
A. W. Dutton paid	10.00
Mary Lamontangue paid	6.00
Etta Gilman paid	6.00
Fred Stone paid	6.00
Mrs. Eaton paid	6.00
Belmont Lumber Co. paid	12.00
Asa Twombly paid	6.00
A. L. Dow paid	12.00
Ella Mudgett paid	6.00
Mrs. Dan Smith paid	6.00
D. W. Gale paid	13.50
Guy Bickford paid	6.00
Levi Clairmont paid	10.50
A. Turcotte paid	12.00
J. Stugeon paid	6.00
D. Sturgeon paid	6.00
E. L. Couch paid	18.00
G. E. Fifield paid	15.00
North Church Society	9.00
C. C. Johnson paid	6.00
J. M. Sargent paid	4.50
F. Parent paid	15.00
H. C. Knowles paid	9.00
Mrs. Torrey paid	6.50
W. C. Dalton paid	6.00
Laura Cote paid	6.00
J. D. Pease paid	9.00
Geo. Forest Estate paid	6.00
Wm. Ainger paid	3.00
Belmont Hosiery Co. paid	131.00
Albin Clark paid	8.00
Wilber Mudgett paid	12.00
South Church Society paid	2.25
Etta Hancock paid	9.00
Etta Hancock, S. & W. paid	2.25
Mary Baker paid	6.00

Mary Burke paid	$4.00
Sarah Small paid	4.50
Advent Church Society paid	9.00
C. C. Currier paid	24.00
Julia Osborne paid	6.00
H. Noel paid	9.00
W. Sewell paid	9.00
C. B. Dearborn paid	16.50
Z. Garland paid	12.00
Wm. Barrett paid	6.00
Mrs. Wm. Barrett paid	9.00
J. R. Dearborn paid	9.00
Mrs. F. C. Hall paid	27.00
Elmer Swain paid	9.00
Leon Heath paid	6.00
George Wellman paid	6.00
J. W. Sweatt paid	6.00
Leta Piper paid	6.00
Fred Piper paid	12.00
Etta Dearborn paid	6.00
F. K. Johnson paid	24.00
H. Hancock paid	22.50
F. L. Hancock paid	6.00
A. A. Smith paid	28.00
R. Bryan paid	9.50
Uncollected water rents Jan. 31, 1923	39.00
	$1.010.50

Uncollected water rents Jan. 31, 1924 ..... $21.00

Feb. 1. 1924. There are 35 tenements empty where town water is used when occupied.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the several officers of Belmont for the year 1923 and that said accounts appear to be properly and correctly kept and well vouched. ALBERT A. SMITH.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT, N. H., ON JANUARY 31, 1924.

Date of Creation.	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION.	HOW INVESTED.	Amount of Principal.	Percent of Interest.	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
1902	Sylvia A. Walcott Fund, care of lot on Kingsley Hall Farm	Town Note used for Town Purposes	$100.00	3½	$41.01	$3.50	.....	$44.51
1907	Stephen Fifield Fund, care of lot, South Road Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	2,000.00	3½	115.00	70.70	$72.00	113.00
1909	W. H. Sanborn Fund, care of lot, Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	75.00	3½	1.11	2.62	.....	3.73
1909	John S. Folsom Fund, care of lot, Province Road Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	19.67	3.50	.....	23.17
1910	Stephen S. Folsom Fund, care of lot, Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	2.68	3.50	.....	6.18
1916	James N. Hall Fund, care of lot, South Road Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	7.68	3.50	.....	11.18
1916	Charles E. Cate Fund, care of lot, Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	300.00	3½	25.06	10.50	1.00	34.56
1917	Joseph M. Folsom Fund, care of lot, Highland Cemetery	Laconia Savings Bank	100.00	4	7.92	4.44	.....	12.36
1920	George W. Fifield Fund, care of lot, Gilmanton South Road Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	887.39	3½	36.62	31.06	.....	67.68
1920	Silas Leavitt Fund, care of lot, Joseph Leavitt Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	8.00	3.50	.....	11.50
1921	Mrs. Louis Ingalls Fund, care of Hannah P. Brown lot, Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	1.00	3.50	2.00	2.50
1921	Sarah E. Piper Fund, care of Piper and Sweatt lots, Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	2.97	3.50	2.00	4.47

1921	D. W. Gale Fund, care of lot, Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	3.57	3.50	1.00	6.07
1921	Blanche Weymouth Fund, care of lot, Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	3.97	3.50	2.00	5.47
1921	Lydia Williard Fund, care of lot, Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	50.00	3½	1.47	1.75	1.00	2.22
1922	Lillian M. Knowles Fund, care of C. W. Knowles lot, South Road Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	1.50	3.50	1.25	3.75
1922	Electa Currier Fund, care of lot, Mt. Auburn Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	3.50	3.50	.....	7.00
1922	Ella H. Gilman Fund, care ½ lot, No. 66, South Road Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	50.00	3½	.15	1.75	.50	1.30
1922	Happy A. Latty Fund, care lot, South Road Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	100.00	3½	2.34	3.50	1.25	4.59
1923	Mrs. Josephine Hall Fund, care of lot, Jamestown Cemetery, near river	Town Note used for Town Purposes	50.00	3½	.....	.58	.....	.58
1924	Trust Funds of John A. Ladd, Thomas Clark, W. H. Kilborn, Mason & Clark, care of lots in Highland Cemetery	Town Note used for Town Purposes	301.32	3½	.....	.....	.....	.....

JOHN W. SWEATT,
DANIEL W. GALE,
CARLTON A. LAMPREY,
Trustees.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

To the Voters of Belmont:

Once more it becomes our duty to report to you the condition of our schools and we feel that they have been very successful.

Teachers' wages are at the highest point in our history and seem to be going higher every year. We hear much from some sources about the low salaries of teachers but a teacher on a salary of $900 receives about $1 per hour for time actually spent in the school room, which seems to be fair pay for these times.

At the school meeting last spring the district voted to start a high school by adding the first year to our present course and adding to it each year until we have a full four-year course. This arrangement would require an additional teacher and some equipment to start, and more later.

Fifteen hundred dollars was raised for this purpose.

At the time for making arrangements for the course but five scholars could be found who would say they would attend if given the chance, so we did not think it wise or for the interest of the pupils to go ahead under these circumstances. We still hold the appropriation unexpended.

The budget which you will find on another page we have endeavored to keep as low as possible. The item for high school tuition must necessarily be more this year as Tilton school has raised the tuition charge to this town to $100 per year and as we have about twenty students there at the present time our bill there is much more than formerly.

No extensive repairs have been made or planned for next year. The Gale building needs painting in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA L. SWAIN,

JAMES C. HILL,

School Board of Belmont, N. H.

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET.

Teachers' salaries	$6,300.00
Text-books, etc.	450.00
Other expenses of instruction	50.00
Janitor and janitor supplies	650.00
Fuel	575.00
Medical inspection	80.00
Transportation	1,000.00
High school tuition	3,000.00
Superintendent's excess salary	255.00
Per capita tax	512.00
Expenses of administration	25.00

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Year ending June 30, 1923.

Dr.

1922.			
July	1.	Cash brought forward	$113.96
Aug.	25.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	500.00
Sept.	21.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	400.00
	29.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	600.00
Oct.	20.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	700.00
Nov.	2.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	500.00
	16.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	500.00
	25.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	800.00
Dec.	15.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	1,000.00
1923.			
Jan.	19.	Town appropriation in part, 1922...	1,500.00
	23.	State N. H., State Board Education Equalization	4,176.87
	26.	C. L. Lamprey, old windows sold....	5.00
	31.	Town appropriation in full.....	2,696.63
Mar.	1.	Mrs. Fred Stone, repairs.....	35.00
	12.	Paul Stroud, repairs	35.00
June	30.	Town appropriation for deficiency...	400.00
	30.	Town dog tax, 1922.....	221.02
			$14,183.48

Cr.

Teaching	$6,602.00
Land rent	23.00
Repairs	907.35
Telephone	36.35
Expense	24.54
Supplies	241.01
Janitor	621.17
Transportation	1,241.60
Fuel	770.99
Tuition	2,290.90
Text-books	172.55
Truant officer	15.75
School census	20.00
Superintendent's excess salary	285.71
Supervisory	514.00
Insurance	87.50
Salaries, district officers	200.00
Lights	2.25
Medical inspection (Dr. MacMurphy)	85.00
Cash to balance	41.81
	$14,183.48

D. W. GALE,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Belmont:

I herewith submit my ninth Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools.

While a report of this nature may well contain certain matters which should be called to the attention of all and which need to be permanently recorded, probably the best way to know our schools and to learn just what they are trying to do, is to visit them and to visit them often, always going with a sympathetic, open-minded attitude.

The school year closes in June, therefore the statistics printed, for the most part, necessarily cover the year which ended June 30, 1923. The statistical table shows just what schools were open, the teachers in these schools, their salaries, the enrolment and other matters for that school year. I call your attention to that statistical table. The total number of different pupils enrolled in all the schools was one hundred and eighty. The average membership was one hundred and sixty-six and the per cent attendance, ninety-three. This attendance is to be commended when we take into consideration the inclement weather of a year ago. There were one hundred and twenty-eight visits made to the schools by the Superintendent during the year. All schools had the full school year of thirty-six weeks.

The decrease in the school population at the Union School and the increase at Ladd Hill made it advisable not to open the Union School but to send the few pupils who would naturally attend here to the re-opened Ladd Hill School. The combined enrollment at Ladd Hill at the present time is but eleven pupils. Our total enrollment in all schools this year is about one hundred seventy. This is a decrease from last

year but probably may be readily explained. The weather conditions thus far this year have been most favorable for school attendance and the attendance reports have been good.

Frequent changes in the teaching force are not to be desired ordinarily. Successful teachers should as far as possible be retained.

Of the eight teachers who were with us last year, six resigned in June. We were very glad that Miss Gerrish at the Gale School and Mrs. Knowles at the Upper Province Road School remained with us. Both of these teachers are, as we all know, very successful in their work.

Mrs. Etta Thurston, who was with us three years ago, returned in September as principal of the Gale School. In this we were fortunate as Mrs. Thurston was very successful when with us previously. She has maintained this record during the weeks since the opening of the school year.

Miss Elsie McCloud, who had had several years successful experience, was chosen for the position in Grades III and IV at the Gale School. We were very sorry to lose Lulu Sawyer from Grades I and II but an opportunity nearer her home presenting itself, she naturally resigned in June. She was succeeded by Miss Molly Nute of Farmington. Miss Nute is a graduate of Plymouth Normal School and had previously taught in Farmington. Miss Helen McDonald, of Woodsville, was chosen for the position at Lower Province Road and Miss Mary Savolainen, of Royalston, Mass., for Ladd Hill. Neither had had previous experience but Miss McDonald attended the six weeks summer school at Plymouth, last year, and Miss Savolainen at Keene. I think both of these young women will prove to be successful teachers. We were fortunate in securing Mrs. Norma Fifield for the Plummer School. Mrs. Fifield had taught for several years previous and is well qualified to fill this particular position.

I am glad to report the good attendance of our teachers at the meetings of the State Teachers' Association, held last October at Laconia. No teacher can expect to do her best work or grow professionally, who does not avail herself of the

opportunity of attending such gatherings and who does not make it a point to do some serious study of a professional nature each year. I am certain that all of our teachers can be commended for showing a real interest in and a love for their work.

The following summary showing the teachers and salaries, this current year, may be of convenience:

Gale—I and II	Molly Nute	$900.00
Gale—III and IV	Elsie McCloud	900.00
Gale—V and VI	Helen Gerrish	900.00
Gale—VII and VIII	Etta R. Thurston	1,100.00
Lower Prov. Road	Helen McDonald	648.00
Upper Prov. Road	Lillian Knowles	792.00
Plummer	Norma M. Fifield	720.00
Ladd Hill	Mary Savolainen	648.00

At the annual school meeting held last March the School Board was authorized to establish a ninth grade at the Gale school which should be approved by the State Department of Education as the first year of regular high school work. It was hoped that it might be possible to introduce more advanced work gradually and that eventually a full four-year high school course might be maintained at the village. A special appropriation of $1500 was made that the additional expense the first year might be met. After carefully canvassing the situation the School Board did not feel justified in making a beginning this year.

The customary closing exercises of the school were held on the evening of June 22, 1923. The principal features of the program presented were a playette given by the graduating class of the Upper Province Road school and an operetta, "Windmills of Holland," given by the upper grades of the Gale School. The children took their parts in a most creditable manner. Eighteen pupils were granted certificates of graduation. They were as follows:

Gale—Judith Badger, Rena Billings, Charles Dutton, Nellie Dutton, Solomon Higgins, Harold Jones, Archie Page, Guy Sewell, Margaret Smith, Elise Thompson, William Wallace.

Upper Province Road—Malcolm Harrington, Marguerite Harrington, Marion Lamprey, Rena Lamprey.

Lower Province Road—Bernice Huckins, Tessy Pucci.

Union—Wilfred Dutile.

Thirteen of the eighteen graduates entered high schools in the fall.

There are this year in all thirty-four Belmont children attending high schools for whom the district is liable for tuition; twenty are at Tilton and fourteen at Laconia. They are enrolled in classes as follows: Freshmen, 11: Sophomores, 10; Juniors, 6; Seniors, 9.

There is of course no one sure way of checking the results of the work in any school system. However, it is generally recognized that the work a pupil does in the early part, at any rate, of his high school course is determined in part by the efficiency of his grammar school training. In other words good grammar school training helps in securing successful high school work. The excellent showing which many of our graduates are making in the high school at least indicates that their grammar school training is provng no handicap. I am sure that we are proud of these pupils.

We frequently hear the statement made that the schools of to-day are markedly inferior to those of one or more generations ago particularly as to the thoroughness with which the so-called "fundamentals" are taught. A recent experiment here in New Hampshire throws some light on the matter and is surely of considerable interest.

In the year 1846 there were given to the ninth grade, high school pupils, in the city of Springfield, Mass., two tests, one in arithmetic and one in spelling. The average age of these pupils was 15 years and six months and they were doubtless a selected group. The average grade or mark attained by

these Springfield boys and girls on the arithmetic test was 29%. In 1923 nearly 5000 New Hampshire eighth grade boys and girls in the schools of an average age of 13 years and 6 months—an unselected group because of compulsory school attendance—took the identical Springfield test with no special preparation and the average grade was 49%, and 4% of the pupils had perfect papers. The result on the spelling test was an average grade of about 41% for the Springfield children. The spelling test given to the New Hampshire children was not the same but the words were of equal intrinsic spelling difficulty. The New Hampshire average was 67%. The work of the Belmont eighth grade children was creditable, the average both in arithmetic and spelling being practically the same as for the whole state. One boy had a perfect paper in arithmetic.

The high school tuition bill this year is a formidable one. The amount appropriated for this purpose was $2,300. The total cost will be nearly $3000. The tuition rate at the Tilton School was raised from $75 to $100 for Belmont pupils. It should be noted that the regular rate at Tilton is now $150. It should be further noted that our special rate of $100 includes the use of text-books and a reasonable amount of supplies. Again, at Laconia, the rate was raised from $55 to $70. The last legislature raised the maximum liability of a school district for the tuition of its pupils in high schools outside the district to $70 per pupil.

The financial statement shows the probable balance available Feb. 1 for the maintenance of the schools for the remainder of the school year as about $7,100. However, $1500 of this amount was a special appropriation for high school work. This would leave an actual available balance of about $5,600. I think it is probable that the actual expense will be approximately $5,700.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING T. SANBORN.

Feb. 1, 1924. *Superintendent of Schools.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils Neither Absent Nor Tardy.

Fall Term.

Lower Province Road—Tessy Pucci, Harriet Pucci.

Upper Province Road—Marguerite Harrington, Rena Lamprey, Marion Lamprey, Gladys Lamprey, Walter Dion, Stuart Lamprey, Karl Smith.

Gale—Grades I and II—Helen Heath, Elizabeth Higgins, James Sawyer, William Smeltzer, Eva Thompson.

Grades III and IV—Clayton Plummer, Kathryn Taylor, Rosalie Wellman, Clifton Tate, Alice Thompson.

Grades V and VI—Bertha Sturgeon, Clarence Dearborn, Jr., Robert Dearborn, John Prescott, Sarah Hill, Angeline Vezina, John Lyford, George Thompson.

Grades VII and VIII—James Currier, Nellie Dutton, Charles Dutton, Kenneth Muzzy, Marguerite Smith, Elise Thompson, Beatrice Thompson.

Winter Term.

Lower Province Road—Tessy Pucci.

Uppper Province Road—Rena Lamprey.

Gale—Grades I and 11—Elizabeth Higgins.

Grades III and IV—Reginald Smith, Kathryn Taylor.

Grades V and VI—Bertha Sturgeon, John Prescott, Angeline Vezina, George Thompson.

Grades VII and VIII—Nellie Dutton, Solomon Higgins, Elise Thompson.

Spring Term.

Lower Province Road—Tessy Pucci.

Upper Province Road—Marguerite Harrington, Gladys Lamprey.

Gale—Grades I and II—Helen Heath, Elizabeth Higgins, James Sawyer, Maxine Agle, Leon Parent, Katherine Hislop.

Grades III and IV—Rosalie Wellman, Kathryn Taylor, George Heath, Rachel Bryant, Ralph Duso, Gertrude Smith.

Grades V and VI—Clarence Dearborn, Jr., Robert Dearborn, John Prescott, Amedia Bach, Marjory Dutton, Everett Jones, Louise Page, George Sawyer.

Grades VII and VIII—Nellie Dutton, Charles Dutton, Kenneth Muzzy, Mary Ring, Elise Thompson, Grade Foster.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1923.

Lower Province Road—Tessy Pucci.

Gale—Grades I and II—Elizabeth Higgins.

Grades III and IV—Kathryn Taylor.

Grades V and VI—John Prescott.

Grades VII and VIII—Nellie Dutton, Elise Thompson.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1923.

School.	Teacher.	Salary—Yearly Rate.	No. Weeks.	Total Enrolment.	Average Membership.	Per cent Attendance.	No. Tardinesses.	No. Pupils not Absent or Tardy	Visits by Superintendent.
Belmont District:									
Gale—I and II	Lulu Sawyer	$900	36	44	34	92	19	1	18
III and IV	Harriet Taylor	900	36	37	28	96	148	1	18
V and VI	Helen Gerrish	850	36	33	27	96	7	1	16
VII and VIII	Ella Gordon	1,000	36	27	23	94	29	2	17
Lower Prov. Road	Mabel Bechard	792	36	15	12	87	9	1	12
Upper Prov. Road	Lillian Knowles	792	36	27	16	94	17	0	16
Plummer	Dorothy Dutton	700	36	19	15	90	75	0	16
Union	Clarice Rickert	720	36	10	8	87	3	0	15

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BELMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Preliminary Report for the Current Fiscal Year from July 1, 1923, to Feb. 1. 1924.

Revenue.

From State—		
Equalization Fund		$3,641.97
Appropriations:		
Support of schools ($5.00 tax)	$6,025.88	
High school tuition	2,300.00	
Per capita tax	512.00	
Officers' salaries	200.00	
High school	1,500.00	
Total from taxation		$10,537.88
Other Sources—		
Dog licenses (estimate)		275.00
Cash on hand July 1, 1923		41.81
Total		$14,496.66

Payments.

Superintendent's excess salary	$255.00
Truant officer and School census	22.00
Expenses of administration	25.10
Teachers' salaries	3,617.10
Text-books	78.14
Scholars' supplies	132.95
Other expenses of instruction	15.00
Janitor service	252.00
Fuel	299.23
Water, light, and Janitor supplies	53.54
Minor repairs and expenses	168.50

Transportation of pupils	$546.50
High school tuition	1,410.64
Other special activities	10.00
Construction and equipment	3.00
Other charges	512.00
Total payments	$7,400.70
Cash available for remainder of year	7,095.96
Grand total	$14,496.66

Respectfully submitted,

EVA L. SWAIN,

JAMES C. HILL,

School Board.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

Registered in the Town of Belmont, Year Ending December 31, 1923.

Date, Name of Child, Name of Father, and Maiden Name of Mother.

Jan. 10. Bertha Beatrice; George H. Marden and Mabel Hilliard.

Feb. 12. Richard Porter; Joseph H. Little and Blanche Gilman.

13. Robert Louis; Lewis McShusky and Marguerite Petty.

14. Mildred Shirley; Ernest A. Hudson and Viola M. Roundy.

Mar. 8. Lena Anita; Peter J. Vachon and Stella M. Clairmont.

9. Barbara Alice; Charles Lyman and Marie Poire.

23. Roger Roland; Joseph H. Cloutier and Eva C. Carroll.

Apr. 30. Maurice Albert; Jeddie H. Rogers and Mabel Burges.

May 18. Jacqueline; John J. Kelley and Gertrude Horton.

22. Mary Pauline; Levi Clairmont and Celina Roberts.

June 6. Karl; Milford C. Hislop and Susie Perry.

July 2. Bernard Louis; Joseph L. Boutin and Annie E. Laflam.

22. Harold Lester; Howard L. Reed and Mabel Hannaford.

31. Betty Jane; Fred W. Patten and Lura Gray.

Aug. 4. Richard Harris; Merritt Weeks and Lura V. Harris.

11. Florina Mary; Frank J. Parent and Victoria Provenchal.

15. Girard Emerson; Gideon J. Corriveau and Ada M. Laflam.

Sept. 13. ————; Arthur J. Hebert and Lena Fugera.

17. Helen Rita; Raymond R. Wescott and Anna D. Parah.

Oct. 12. Charles Edward Jr.; Charles E. Wiggins and Catherine E. Canfield.

MARRIAGES.

Registered in the Town of Belmont, Year Ending December 31, 1923.

Date, Where Married, Names of Parties, and Name of Person Performing Ceremony.

May 26. Meredith; John M. Morin and Elsie M. Normandin; Rev. Orville J. Guptill.

Nov. 21. Belmont; John P. Willard and Minnie J. Mudgett; Rev. Frederic W. Fitzpatrick.

Dec. 15. Belmont; Warren H. Chaplain and Myrtle M. Garland; Rev. Chester F. L. Smith.

DEATHS.

Registered in the Town of Belmont, Year Ending December 31, 1923.

Date,		Name, and Age.
Feb.	25.	David Vachon, aged 85 yrs., 7 mos., 22 dys.
Mar.	24.	Thomas L. Fuller, aged 80 yrs., 3 mos., 2 days.
Apr.	22.	Edward Geddes, aged 70 yrs., 1 mo., 2 dys.
May	8.	Maurice Albert Rogers, aged 8 days.
June	20.	David C. Cutting, aged 90 yrs., 10 mos., 15 dys.
July	13.	George Frank Leavitt, aged 73 yrs., 9 mos., 7 dys.
Aug.	1.	Benjamin T. Stetson, aged 67 yrs., 2 mos., 1 day.
Aug.	2.	Lillian P. Atwood, aged 55 years.
Sept.	25.	Sarah Nisbet, aged 93 yrs., 4 mos., 10 dys.
Oct.	5.	George E. Randall, aged 35 yrs., 5 mos., 14 dys.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GUY L. HAMMEL,
Town Clerk.